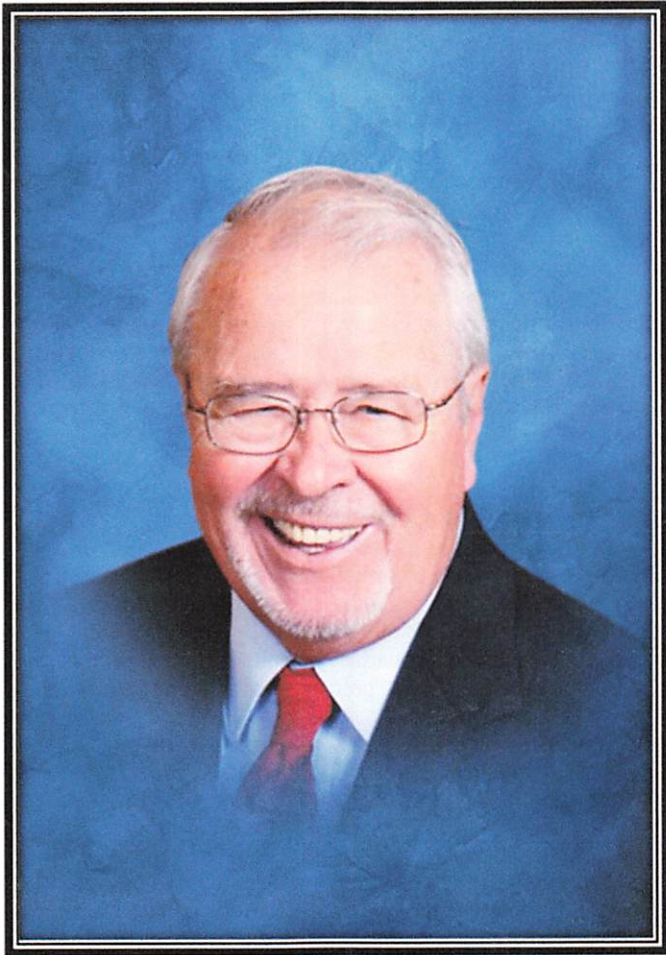


Celebrating A Life Well Lived



Leroy Wilson

April 7, 1940 ~ April 21, 2024

Obituary

Born April 7th, 1940, known by many as Leroy, fondly called “Peege” by his parents and siblings, “Husband” by his wife, Shirley, “Dad” by his children, and “Papa” by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Leroy departed this earthly realm on Sunday, April 21st, 2024. He stepped from this life into his Heavenly home, embracing Jesus and uniting once again with his loving wife, Shirley.

Leroy was born to Lonnie and Katherine Wilson in Lexington, Kentucky. He was one of three siblings. His brother, Lonnie Jr, fourteen years older, and his sister Lurlene, twelve years older, truly adored their brother.

He attended Lafayette High School of Lexington, Kentucky, graduating with the Class of '58. After graduation, Leroy pursued his lifelong dream of playing professional baseball by attending the Cincinnati Reds baseball camp in Tampa, Florida. Embracing his love for the game, he left nothing on the field but fell short of reaching his goal.

After traveling back to Lexington, he continued wooing the love of his life, Shirley Ann Eades; earning her affection by playing his guitar and singing Buddy Holly songs.

After a short engagement, Leroy and Shirley would marry on June 17, 1959. In October of 1959, he nearly lost his life exploring Jones Cave, nearly missing out on his four wonderful children: Jeffrey, Tracey, Patrick, and Leroy Jr.

In 1962, Leroy began employment with IBM, humorously known amongst colleagues as the acronym for “I’ve Been Moved.” He was given an opportunity in 1970 to relocate. After much prayer, he moved his entire family to Austin, Texas. In 1975, Leroy was selected by IBM, to participate in a 2-year educational program at St. Edwards University, where he earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration.

Upon completion of his degree, Leroy was able to redirect his focus back to his love of music. Together with his wife and four children, they became known as “The Wilson Family;” enjoying over a decade of praising God across America, which culminated in an album that was produced in Nashville, Tennessee. Two of the songs, “Since I Met Jesus” and “America We Love Ya”, were written by Leroy.

Leroy enjoyed telling a good joke, reading the paper, painting, writing poetry, singing, playing the guitar, baseball, fishing, golfing, and traveling. He loved Jesus and his family.

Since meeting Jesus at 11 years old, Leroy has shown God’s love in his lifelong Christian walk. In 1993, God called Leroy into the pastoral ministry where he shepherded the Cedar Valley Baptist Church and Granite Shoals Baptist Church. Leroy, along with his wife Shirley, were instrumental in planting the Cedar Valley and Elgin New Life churches. As a minister, he officiated the marriages of his grandson Stephen, granddaughters Melissa, Leann, and Annalise. He would also travel to Ohio, to take part in the wedding ceremony of his granddaughter, Rachel. He also baptized his grandson Stephen, granddaughter Melissa, and niece Jane.

Waiting to embrace him in Heaven is his beloved wife of 64 years of marriage, Shirley, along with his parents, brother, sister, and grandson William.

God blessed Leroy and his wife Shirley with four children —Jeffrey and wife Lisa, Tracey and husband David Cliff, Patrick and wife Pamila, and Leroy Jr. They proudly called him “Dad.” He was known as “Papa” to his 14 grandchildren, Stephen and wife Nicole, Melissa and husband Allen, Leann and husband Caleb, Rachel and husband Brian, Tyler and wife Kimberly, Adam, Annalise and husband Ben, Alec and Fiancé Alaina, Patrick and wife Lexx, Anson, Benjamin, Jessica, Stone and proceeded in death by William. Along with all his grandchildren, he also has 14 great-grandchildren and is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, loving in-laws, extended family and dear friends. We are heartened by the knowledge he is walking the streets of gold. He exemplified the fruits of the spirit showing Christ’s love to all who knew him.

In Memory

Friday, April 26, 2024 ~ 2:00 P.M.

Elgin New Life Baptist Fellowship

175 State Hwy 95
Elgin, Texas 78621

Pastor Jeffrey Lee Wilson, Presiding

Order of Service

Memorial Gathering 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Opening Song Jeff, Tracey, and Pat
I'll Meet You At The Gate

Invocation and Welcome Ron Hillard

Reading of the Obituary Cliff Perry

Song Written and Sung by Leroy Wilson
Since I Met Jesus

Message Pastor Jeff Wilson

Song
My Hero Has Always Been My Dad

Our Dads Testimony Tracey Perry

Prayer Pastor Jeff Wilson

Song Leroy and Shirley
I Bowed On My Knees

Graveside Service ~ Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Serving with Grace and Honor as Pall Bearers

Stephen Wilson
Patrick Wilson
Anson Wilson
Allen Castilla
Adam Perry

Alec Wilson
Stone Wilson
Caleb Johnson
Ben Higgs
Brian Rasmussen



Safely Home

*We are home in heaven,
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief are over; every restless tossing passed;
We are now at peace forever.
Safely home in heaven, Together at last...*



At times like these, friendship and love are gifts from God. It is because of your thoughtfulness that we can celebrate and honor Dad's life. Our hearts are bowed in sorrow over his passing, yet during these times, you have lifted our hearts, for which we are eternally grateful. Your many kind expressions of sympathy and all other acts of kindness shown shall never be forgotten. May God Bless!!!

~ The Wilson Family ~



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